

## SUMMER 2011

### Chorus Abilene, Inc.

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### Purpose

Chorus Abilene serves a three-fold purpose.

It offers trained adult voices a place to continue their singing.

It offers the Abilene an increased artistic depth through concerts of cultural significance.

And it continues the tradition of music through training our next generations to be singers, to be musicians, and to love music.

### 2010-11 Highlights!

"African Allelujah" concert with the ACU Percussion Ensemble

First Abilene *Messiah* Sing-a-long for the Classical Chorus, as guests from the community were invited to sing along with the chorus for this beloved music

Successful first collaboration with the Abilene Community Theatre on "Home for the Holidays"

Youth singing with and hearing the nationally renowned American Boychoir on their first visit to Abilene

Youth Chorus travels to San Antonio and bring home a Division I Superior ranking & trophy!



# THE VOICE

## Chorus Abilene: promoting choral music through performance and participation

### Milestones:

After six years as conductor of the Classical Chorus, Dr. Paul Piersall is laying down his baton. Dr. Piersall has resumed the role of chairman of the music department at ACU, with all of the extra time involved and reluctantly tendered his resignation. It has been a great six years with him at the help of our adult chorus!

Singers, board, and staff extend their gratitude for his hard work and commitment, his musicianship and leadership since 2005.



### Looking ahead for 2011-2012:

- A new director for the Classical Chorus. Change can be sad, but also exciting!
- Second annual "Home for the Holidays with Susan King"! Yes, Representative Susan King will be hosting this "at home" musical variety show that features Abilene's musical talent and our favorite holiday songs (a collaboration with Abilene Community Theatre).
- "A Joseph Martin Event!" Thanks to underwriting from the Dodge Jones Foundation, Chorus Abilene has commissioned Austin-based composer and pianist Joseph Martin to write a new piece of music for our youth choirs. Mr. Martin will also travel to Abilene to conduct a clinic for them, as he works on the first ever performance of his new piece and others he has written. Other talented young singers will be invited to participate in this extra special event as they present this music in concert.
- Youth tour to Italy. Singers will sing from Venice to Rome, as they sample ancient performance venues, historical sites, and beautiful art.

## You can help!

Non-restricted donations are always welcome; but if you prefer here are some specific ways you can help us.

- Scholarship a singer for (\$405)!  We have talented young people whose families are not currently able to afford tuition costs. We ask each singer to be responsible for \$405 of their yearly costs. Some families can afford all of this cost, some a portion of the cost, and some nothing extra for their children beyond the necessities of life. This year we are committed to raising enough money for 20 young people to participate who would not otherwise be able to afford it.
- Buy a child his/her music and supplies (\$40).
- Sponsor a concert (\$750):  We would love to recognize your business in many ways as a concert sponsor! Contact Gwynn Haseltine, Executive Director, and she can tell you more.
- Buy a program ad (\$50/quarter page ad).

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- Hire us to sing!  If your Sunday School class, office party, or club is hiring entertainment for an event this year, give us a call!
- Buy season tickets (Adults/\$40; Seniors, students, military \$31 for 4 concerts).  This includes Sing of Peace, Christmas, Masterworks Concert, & A Joseph Martin Event!
- Purchase a front row of seats for "Home for the Holidays with Susan King" (\$150).  Six front rows of seats (10 seats/row) are available for pre-purchase for both Dec. 16 & Dec. 17.
- Donate an item!  Current needs are 4 drawer filing cabinets, a paper shredder, used ink cartridges (to help our tour singers), & plain white copy paper. Call or email – pick up is available!

**Thank you for supporting music in our community!**

**YOU CAN HELP!**

**YES!**

I wish to support Chorus Abilene, Inc. and its mission to promote choral music education in the Big Country Community!

Enclosed is my contribution/order of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (see above if checked).

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